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1. An experimental sovkhos at which the theories of the Soviet scientist, Michkaurin, are put into practice, has been set up at Chirnogi, 60 kilometers southeast of Bucharest.
2. The sovkhos includes the first station for rice cultivation to be established in Rumania on a large scale. The station is equipped with a pumping station capable of lifting 2,000 liters a second. In 1950 it is proposed to cultivate more than 1,000 hectares of rice, compared with the 400 hectares this year (1949). The yield in 1949 was five tons of rice per hectare. The station is directed by Ivan Rubin with Igor Cantuzianu as his assistant; both are Soviet citizens.
3. Oats raised at the sovkhos in 1949 averaged 3,360 kilograms per hectare (as against 1,600 kilograms in 1948). As regards sunflower cultivation, one kilogram of seed was obtained per plant in 1949 as compared with 30 grams in 1948.
4. The workers on the sovkhos (who are recruited not only in Rumania but in the Bulgar frontier districts) are paid 3-5 lei per hour and are charged 750 lei a month for room and board. Conditions are similar at the (military) sovkhos at Graboce (sic), near Chirnogi.
5. The Chirnogi sovkhos has its own flour mill, carpenter's shop, bakery and tractor repair station.

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